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COUNTY: York.

CLASS : Graveyard.

--- THE GRAVEYARD OF SLAVES---

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1. SUBJECT:

The Graveyard of Slaves.

2. LOCATOIN:

Southeast of Messick, Virginia, 1 mile on Route #172; thence .4 mile west on Route #606, on southeast corner.

3. DATE:

1860.

4. OWNERS:

Walter Martin, 1860 to 1882. Solomon Evans, 1882.

5. DESCRIPTION:

This is a corner plot used by Walter Martin as a burying ground for slaves. It now grown up with trees and underbrush.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

After the War Between the States and the slaves freed, Uncle Watt Martin, a slave remained with his master, who established a burying ground for slaves.

A colored woman, Aunt Beck and her children and a few more of the slaves, whose names are unknown were buried here.

7. ART:

8. SOURCES OF INFORMATION:

The graveyard itself.